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TO: GENERAL HAIG, THE WHITE HOUSE

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

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1. For use with Haldeman: If anyone thinks we benefit from a break-up of the private talks, this can be accomplished easily and quickly. In fact, if the Nixon aides quoted by Time are not shut up we won't have to worry about a break-up.

2. On the assumption that such is not our policy, we are now in the following position: We resume September 15 with both sides presumably tabling new proposals. This will require at least two meetings to sort out, or until so late in October that a break-up may not be necessary. I still do not exclude a settlement. Le Duc Tho is not going home for a rest. Has Haldeman a better game plan?

3. Timing of this was President's, not mine, though it has now become essential.

4. Please brutalize everybody with a Presidential directive to shut everybody up.

5. Just received TOHAK 26. Your line with Haldeman was 100% right. Any other course would buy us October trouble now.

Warm regards.

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